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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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According to the Crop Reporting Board, as of May 1, 1965 . . .

Winter Wheat production is now estimated at 978 million bushels, 6 percent less than the April 1 forecast and 5 percent below 1964, but 1 percent more than the 1959-63 average.

Hay Stocks on farms totaled 16 million tons, 17 percent less than a year earlier and about one-fourth below average.

Orange production (1964-65 season) is estimated at 120 million boxes, 30 percent above the 1963-64 crop but 2 percent below average.

Grapefruit production, at 40 million boxes, is 17 percent more than last year but 3 percent less than average.

Peach production in 9 southern States is estimated at 18 million bushels, about triple last year's freeze-damaged crop and 5 percent above average.

Late Spring Potato crop is estimated at 26.2 million hundredweight, 29 percent more than 1964 and 7 percent above average.

Milk production for April is estimated at 11.4 billion pounds, slightly above April 1964 and 3 percent more than average.

Egg production, at 5.6 billion eggs in April, was 1 percent less than 1964 and average.

Spring Vegetable Output Lower - Down 3 Percent

Production of spring vegetables is expected to total 3 percent below last year. Indicated strawberry production shows the greatest decline from last year. Larger spring crops are in prospect for melons, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

Potatoes Rebound

Early spring potato production is expected to be 16 percent more than last year and late spring potato output is forecast 29 percent larger than last year's production.

Spring Work Slow in Corn Belt

Progress of field work is one to two weeks behind normal in most of the North Central States. The 1965 progress to date closely parallels the pattern of last year with wet soil and low temperatures slowing April work until late in the month. Widespread tornado damage on April 11 added to the delay in field activity because farmers had to make essential repairs and clean debris from fields. Flooded lowlands in the upper Mississippi River Valley disrupted farm activity and changed cropping plans because farmers will be able to use many of the fields only for late planted crops.

Winter Wheat Prospects Lower

Expected production of winter wheat declined during April and the 1965 crop is now expected to be 5 percent smaller than last year, but 1 percent larger than average. Critical moisture shortages continued and acreage abandonment was heavy in eastern Colorado. Most of the wheat continued to hang on in the Panhandle areas of Oklahoma and Texas, western Kansas, and into Nebraska, but stands were thinned and yield prospects lowered. Greater winterkill losses than expected earlier were evident in many North Central States as wheat came out of the dormant stage during April. Prospects continue favorable in most other winter wheat producing areas. The expected yield of 26.1 bushels per harvested acre compares with 27.2 bushels for 1964.

Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Farm Gate Prices		Effective parity prices Data for Apr. 1965
	March 1965	April 1965	
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.)..... ct.	28.65	29.48	41.66
Wheat (bu.)..... dol.	1.36	1.34	2.55
Rice (100 lb.) ..... dol.	5.23	5.17	6.56
Corn (bu.)..... dol.	1.18	1.21	1.56
Peanuts (lb.) ..... ct.	11.6	11.4	14.4
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Milkfat in cream (lb.) ..... ct.	58.6	59.0	79.7
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.)..... dol.	4.17	[1] 4.02	5.57
Wool (lb.)..... ct.	[2] 47.7	[2] 47.1	82.6
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.) ..... dol.	.968	.969	1.24
Cottonseed (ton)..... dol.	47.70	([3])	62.70
Flaxseed (bu.) ..... dol.	2.89	2.87	3.84
Hay, baled (ton)..... dol.	25.70	25.80	([3])
Oats (bu.) ..... dol.	.660	.667	.848
Potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	4.19	4.68	2.57
Rye (bu.)..... dol.	.955	.921	1.39
Sorghum, grain (100 lb.)..... dol.	1.93	1.93	2.45
Soybeans (bu.)..... dol.	2.85	2.85	3.03
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.) ..... dol.	6.63	7.60	6.02
Oranges, on tree (box) ..... dol.	2.35	2.30	3.52
Apples, for fresh use (bu.)... dol.	2.71	2.75	3.19
Beef cattle (100 lb.)..... dol.	18.60	19.30	25.60
Calves (100 lb.) ..... dol.	20.50	21.30	29.30
Hogs (100 lb.)..... dol.	16.30	16.60	21.30
Lambs (100 lb.)..... dol.	22.30	22.80	25.30
Chickens, all (lb.) ..... ct.	15.0	14.5	22.1
Eggs (dozen) ..... ct.	30.7	32.7	48.0

[1] Preliminary [2] Does not include incentive payment [3] Unpublished.

Pasture and Hay Crop Slow

Reported pasture condition on May 1 averaged 80 percent of normal compared with 83 percent a year earlier. The average May 1 condition is 82 percent. Pastures in southern States responded well during April, but spring growth has been slower than usual in most northern areas. A similar pattern is indicated for hay crops across the Nation, but moisture supplies are generally adequate and warmer weather will boost hay prospects.

Farmers in northern areas were still feeding some hay on May 1 because pastures were not showing adequate growth. There was supplemental feeding of livestock also in the dry areas of the Central Plains. Hay stocks on farms on May 1 were less than last year reflecting the lower supplies at the start of the 1964-65 feeding season.

Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1964		1965		
	April	Average	Feb.	Mar.	April
	Mil.	*Mil.*	*Mil.*	*Mil.*	*Mil.*
Nonfarm employment, (civilian)[1]	65.4	65.6	65.7	66.2	66.6
Farm employment	6.1	6.1	4.3	4.7	5.5
Family	4.7	4.5	3.5	3.7	4.2
Hired	1.4	1.6	.8	1.0	1.3
	Index number (1957-59 = 100)				
Industrial production[2]	130	132	139	140	141
Total personal income payments[3]	133	135	140	141	141
Weekly factory earnings[4]	122	125	130	133	131
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker[4]	122	122	126	127	125
Wholesale prices, all commodities[4]	100	100	101	101	102
Farm commodities	94	94	94	95	98
Food, processed	100	101	102	102	102
Consumer price index[4]	108	108	109	109	--
Food	106	106	107	107	--
	Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)				
Prices received by farmers	236	236	238	239	244
Crops	243	237	235	237	243
Food grains	225	190	167	166	164
Feed grains and hay	168	166	176	177	180
Cotton	267	260	233	242	249
Tobacco	490	490	495	495	498
Oil bearing crops	252	256	281	282	281
Fruit	316	295	260	245	244
Commercial vegetables	230	245	239	267	289
Livestock and products	230	235	240	241	244
Meat animals	268	269	280	283	292
Dairy products	243	256	262	255	248
Poultry and eggs	136	142	137	139	144
Prices paid by farmers					
All commodities	283	282	286	286	287
Used in living	300	300	304	303	303
Used in production	272	270	273	273	276
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)	314	313	318	318	320
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted	703	693	708	708	731
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index)	75	75	75	75	76

[1] Bureau of the Census. [2] Federal Reserve Board. [3] Department of Commerce. [4] Bureau of Labor Statistics - any figures not available at press time omitted.

Rye Condition Improves in April

The condition of rye on May 1 was reported at 85 percent of normal, up 1 point from a month earlier, but 3 points below a year earlier and 1 point below average. Rye condition improved during April in all areas of the country except the South Atlantic where a slight decline occurred.

Growth and development are generally behind normal in most northern and central States. Moisture supplies are generally adequate to plentiful in all areas except the Eastern Slope in Colorado and in western Nebraska and Kansas. Rye is in good to excellent condition in most southern States. In the Pacific Northwest, warmer temperatures and showers improved crop prospects.

Fruit Prospects Lowered in Northwest - Citrus Harvest Progressing

In the Pacific Northwest, most fruit crops, except apples, suffered severe winter damage, heaviest to cherries, peaches, and apricots. Bartlett pears in Washington's Yakima Valley and Oregon's Hood River also were weakened and the bloom was light.

Citrus production for 1964-65 is expected to total 22 percent greater than last year but 3 percent below average. Most oranges for the remainder of the season will be Valencias. An estimated 30.1 million boxes of oranges and 4.8 million boxes of grapefruit remained for harvest after May 1 compared with 27.2 million oranges and 4.7 million grapefruit a year ago.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan.-Mar. 1964	Jan.-Mar. 1965
Dairy Production			
Milk	Bil. lb.	[1] 42.6	[1] 42.7
Evaporated whole milk	Mil. lb.	431.8	373.5
Dry Nonfat milk solids (for human food)	Mil. lb.	564.6	569.3
Butter, creamery	Mil. lb.	391.7	391.8
Cheese, American	Mil. lb.	260.4	269.5
Ice Cream	Mil. gal.	156.9	158.2
Poultry Production			
Eggs	Billions	[1] 22.0	[1] 21.9
Federally inspected slaughter[2]			
Chickens	Mil. lb.	1,205.6	1,265.7
Turkeys	Mil. lb.	60.3	59.4
Poultry used for further processing	Mil. lb.	148.1	169.0
Liquid egg	Mil. lb.	135.3	164.0
Dried egg (egg solids)	Mil. lb.	8.8	12.8
Frozen egg	Mil. lb.	85.2	90.1
Meat Production (dressed weight)[3]			
Beef	Mil. lb.	4,227	4,469
Veal	Mil. lb.	210	228
Pork	Mil. lb.	3,187	2,962
Lamb and mutton	Mil. lb.	185	162
Total red meat	Mil. lb.	7,809	7,821

[1] January-April. [2] Ready-to-cook. [3] Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

Oranges Expected 30 Percent Above 1964

Orange production is expected to total 120.3 million boxes, 30 percent above last year but 2 percent below average. The increase of 1.2 million boxes from last month results mostly from larger fruit sizes for Valencias in California and Arizona. Three-fourths of the Nation's orange crop had been harvested by May 1.

Grapefruit Gain, Lemons Lose

Grapefruit production is forecast at 40.1 million boxes, 17 percent above last year but 3 percent below average. Eighty-eight percent of the U.S. crop was picked by May 1.

Lemon production is expected to total 14.6 million boxes, down 23 percent from last year and 8 percent under average. At the end of April, 8.3 million boxes remained to be harvested compared with 9.2 million boxes a year earlier.

Southern Peach Crop Above Last Year and Average

Peach production in nine southern States is forecast at 17.8 million bushels, more than triple last year's short crop of 5.7 million bushels, and 5 percent above average but 5 percent less than the large 1963 crop. As of May 1, prospects were above average in the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and Oklahoma but the other southern States expect below average production.

Peach Prospecst Fine in California

Excellent crops of both Clingstones and Freestones are in prospect in California. Above normal rainfall and coolness in April slowed development of fruit. California accounts for about two-thirds of the total annual peach crop.

Tobacco, Revised (1963 and 1964 Crops)

About 21.1 million pounds of cigar wrapper were harvested from 13,800 acres in 1964 at an average yield of 1,526 pounds per acre, which was the highest yield of record. In 1963, 18.7 million pounds of wrapper were primed from 12,900 acres, and yields averaged 1,449 pounds per acre.

Combined production of all types of tobacco in 1964 amounted to about 2,227 million pounds--5 percent below the record high 2,344 million of 1963, but 13 percent above the 1958-62 average. The crop was harvested from 1,077,800 acres in 1964, 8 percent below 1963. An average yield of 2,066 pounds per acre was realized, marking the first ton average of record and the fifth year in a row for new high yields. Preliminary value of 1964 production is $1,320 million, indicating an average price of 59.3 cents per pound. Marketings from the 1963 crop brought growers $1,352 million, an average price of 57.7 cents.

Flue-cured production totaled 1,388 million pounds in 1964 and 1,371 million the previous year. Bright leaf was primed from 627,600 acres last season, 10 percent fewer than in 1963. The type 11-14 average yield was 2,211 pounds, a new high that broke the ton mark for the first time.

The 1964 burley crop weighed 620 million pounds, 18 percent below the previous year's record 755 million. At 306,600, acres, the crop was

Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-Food Products

Year and Month	Retail Cost [1]	Farm Value [2]	Farm-Retail Spread	Farmer's Share
1964 average	$1,015	$373	$642	37%
1965 January	1,015	381	634	37%
1965 February	1,013	382	631	38%
1965 March	1,015	384	631	38%

[1] Retail cost of average quantities purchased per household in 1960-61 by urban wage-earner and clerical-worker families and single workers living alone, calculated from retail prices collected by the Bur. Labor Statistics. [2] Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, by States, March 1965 [1]

State	Livestock and Products	Crops	Total
NORTH ATLANTIC REGION	1,000 dol.	1,000 dol.	1,000 dol.
Maine	11,155	26,856	38,011
New Hampshire	3,744	1,115	4,859
Vermont	10,280	1,973	12,253
Massachusetts	8,488	5,800	14,288
Rhode Island	1,048	544	1,592
Connecticut	7,957	6,829	14,786
New York	57,444	20,610	78,054
New Jersey	10,781	6,950	17,731
Pennsylvania	51,604	19,799	71,403
NORTH CENTRAL REGION			
Ohio	56,415	25,821	82,236
Indiana	63,126	23,959	87,085
Illinois	98,187	76,030	174,217
Michigan	35,337	20,289	55,626
Wisconsin	96,747	9,763	106,510
Minnesota	94,475	28,155	122,630
Iowa	169,294	43,129	212,423
Missouri	54,863	13,536	68,399
North Dakota	14,318	17,694	32,012
South Dakota	38,881	4,653	43,534
Nebraska	77,159	22,021	99,180
Kansas	81,564	7,232	88,796
SOUTHERN REGION			
Delaware	7,355	1,590	8,945
Maryland	17,551	4,223	21,774
Virginia	18,400	6,930	25,330
West Virginia	5,158	1,337	6,495
North Carolina	30,412	9,673	40,085
South Carolina	9,178	5,680	14,858
Georgia	39,694	8,030	47,724
Florida	19,386	92,809	112,195
Kentucky	23,431	3,576	27,007
Tennessee	20,806	6,437	27,243
Alabama	28,741	4,885	33,626
Mississippi	23,620	11,844	35,464
Arkansas	24,832	6,398	31,230
Louisiana	13,246	5,283	18,529
Oklahoma	31,184	4,697	35,881
Texas	94,661	22,080	116,741
WESTERN REGION			
Montana	10,442	10,039	20,481
Idaho	18,650	20,249	38,899
Wyoming	9,008	1,427	10,435
Colorado	44,600	11,812	56,412
New Mexico	8,630	2,077	10,707
Arizona	21,794	9,550	31,344
Utah	8,822	1,978	10,800
Nevada	4,815	637	5,452
Washington	15,157	14,478	29,635
Oregon	13,384	10,543	23,927
California	113,058	78,666	191,724
UNITED STATES	1,718,882	739,686	2,458,568
United States, Jan.-Mar.	4,867,134	3,233,875	8,101,009
Same Period, year ago	4,806,412	3,334,858	8,141,270

[1] All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

harvested from 9 percent fewer acres than in 1963. Type 31 yields averaged 2,022 pounds per acre compared with 2,231 in 1963, the record high.

Southern Maryland production is estimated at 41.0 million pounds, substantially greater than the 34.5 million (revised) raised a year earlier. Acreage harvested, at 39,000, is 13 percent larger than in 1963, when dry weather curtailed plantings. For the 1964 crop, a record high yield of 1,050 pounds is indicated. This compares with 1,000 pounds (revised) from the 1963 crop.

Fire-cured production was 55.1 million pounds in 1964 and 55.9 million a year earlier. The 1964 crop was harvested from 32,100 acres, about 6 percent less than in 1963. The 1964 yield, 1,716 pounds, is the highest ever. The 1963 yield was 1,630 pounds.

Cash Receipts From Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States[1]

Item	March 1965	April 1965
CASH RECEIPTS	*Mil. dol.*	*Mil. dol.*
Total marketings and CCC loans[2]	2,459	2,400
Livestock and products	1,719	1,600
Meat animals	974	
Dairy products	448	
Poultry and eggs	253	
Other	44	
Crops	740	800
Food grains	44	
Feed crops	197	
Cotton (lint and seed)	21	
Oil-bearing crops	84	
Tobacco	10	
Vegetables	184	
Fruits and tree nuts	80	
Other	120	
Government payments	250	
Grand total	2,709	
VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:	1957-59 = 100	
All commodities	89	84
Livestock and products	119	111
Crops	49	47

[1] For comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.
[2] Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Leaf from the dark air-cured tobaccos, types 35-37, weighed 24.5 million pounds, about 3 percent below 1963 poundage. The crop was harvested from 14,100 acres for a record-high average yield of 1,735 pounds. In 1963, 15,300 acres were harvested and yield averaged 1,654 pounds.

Cigar filler tobacco produced last season is estimated at 51.7 million pounds--12 percent below 1963 and the smallest crop since 1957. Harvested from about 30,700 acres, the 1964 crop yielded an average of 1,685 pounds per acre. The 1963 types 41-44 crop was harvested from 31,900 acres at an average yield of 1,837 pounds.

Other Crop Prospects

PEARS: California's weather during bloom was cold and wet. This curtailed bee activity and pollination of Bartletts was very poor. Other pears set a somewhat better crop than Bartletts. The severe freeze in Oregon during December weakened Bartlett buds at Hood River and resulted in a light bloom. Even though D'Anjous bloomed well the set is uncertain because of the light bloom on Bartletts, which serve as a pollinator in that area. Pears at Medford are developing normally.

ALMONDS - CALIFORNIA: The 1965 California almond crop is forecast at 74,000 tons in-shell, up 2 percent from last year and 19 percent above average. Nearly ideal weather for almonds resulted in a heavy set and produced large sizes early in the season. The only area with frost damage was near Paso Robles, where trees in the lower areas were affected.

MAPLE SYRUP TRICKLES: This spring's maple sirup production--1,145,000 gallons--was one-fourth smaller than the 1,533,000 gallons produced last year and one of the lowest in 50 years of record.

New York, with 395,000 gallons compared with 512,000 last year, was first in maple sirup production for the third time in four years. Vermont made 340,000 gallons--down 30 percent from last year and the same as the previous record-low production of 1959.

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